



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, Idaho has approximately 14,000 citizens living with an anaphylactic allergy; and*

*WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a sudden, severe allergic reaction involving major organs in the body simultaneously which can cause death in a matter of minutes for severely allergic individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, Idahoans living with food allergy have to contend with improper or inadequate food labeling, and with the risk of cross-contamination when eating in public, either of which can lead to allergen exposures and potential anaphylactic episodes; and*

*WHEREAS, eight foods cause 90% of food allergy reactions – shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, nuts, peanuts, soy and wheat; and*

*WHEREAS, there is no cure for potentially fatal food allergies, and strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to avoid a reaction; and*

*WHEREAS, food allergy and anaphylaxis are medical issues which impact a large number of Idahoans and educating the public of the risks others face is crucial to preventing severe allergic reactions;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 5 through 11, 2003, to be*

**FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA  
SECRETARY OF STATE